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# Welcome

When we, Lorraine and Steve, started Meridian Travel back in 1998, we could not have possibly imagined we would still be here 27 years later. Over the years we have welcomed thousands of people onto our coach tours and made thousands of new friends.

As in previous years, we are delighted to be offering you a wide choice of holiday destinations ranging from the north of Scotland to the south coast of England and we look forward to both welcoming our old friends back and to making many more new friends in 2025.



Once again your holiday coach will be supplied by Meadway Coaches who we have worked with for several years now. Meadway, who acquired Hollywood Travel a few years ago, are fast becoming the premier coach company in our region adding many new high-quality coaches to their fleet each year.

## HOW TO BOOK YOUR MERIDIAN HOLIDAY

We do not use any automated booking systems for our holidays and all bookings, like every other aspect of your holiday, is dealt with personally by Lorraine or Steve. To assist us please read the following options carefully before making your booking or enquiry.

- 1. Send us an email to [meridiantravel@live.co.uk](mailto:meridiantravel@live.co.uk)**  
Please include as much information as possible in your email i.e. Your Name, Name and Date of Holiday, Room types required and preferred seating position on the coach.
- 2. Send your booking request or any enquiries by using the contacts form on our website:-  
Please go to [www.meridianholidays.info](http://www.meridianholidays.info)**  
Again, please include as much information as possible in your message i.e. Your Name, Name and Date of Holiday, Room types required and preferred seating position on the coach.

## 3. Book by phone:

As we personally escort most of our holidays and we also do all the administrative work for your holiday we cannot guarantee when we will be in the office. For this reason, and to save the cost of diverting phones, we will only be using mobile phone numbers for our bookings.

The main bookings number which will connect you direct to Lorraine is **0749 156 2955**

Our second number which will connect you with Steve is **0776 447 5137**

Please note you can also send a text to either of the above numbers.

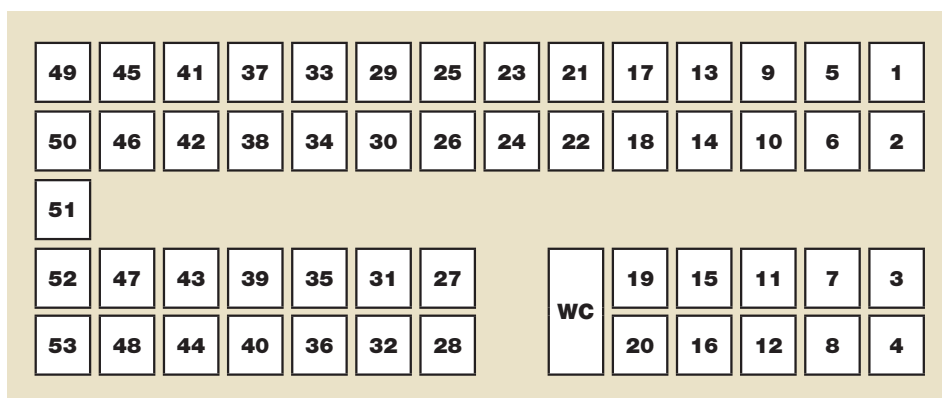
**We are usually available to take telephone bookings between the hours of 09:30 to 16:00 Monday to Thursday.**

However, for the reasons stated above we cannot guarantee to always be available at these times so please leave a message when we are unable to answer your call, including as much information about your enquiry as possible, this way, when we return your call, we should have all the answers you require to hand.

## BOOK YOUR SEATS

At the time of booking you will be given the choice of any unallocated seat on the coach, this will remain your seat throughout the holiday. Please use the diagram to choose your preferred seat.

Occasionally we may have to use a coach with a slightly different seat layout, in this case we would reallocate your seat as close to the chosen position as possible.



All prices shown are per person sharing a twin or double room and include Dinner, Bed and Breakfast each day, door to door taxi service (home-coach-home), executive coach travel throughout, all excursions as shown in the itinerary (unless indicated as optional), entrance fees to places included in the itinerary (unless indicated as optional).

**Single Supplements, Upgrades and Special Requests.** Most hotels charge a single supplement - please phone for details of single room supplements and supplements for other upgrades such as sea views for which some hotels will charge.

When booking please make sure we are aware of any special requests, including dietary requirements, so we can pass these on to the hotel.

If you are a member of any organization such as The National Trust or English Heritage, please advise us when booking. You will be offered a discount where we visit properties which you are a member of.



5 DAYS  
for  
£389



Bournemouth

## Monday 20th January Bournemouth Winter Warmer - 5 Days

### Riviera Hotel

Based at the Riviera Hotel in the suburb of Westbourne, to the west of Bournemouth near Alum Chine, a leisurely 30-minute walk along the level promenade will bring you to Bournemouth Pier.

The hotel offers modern accommodation, great food, friendly staff and evening entertainment plus there is a half price bar every night between 6 and 10 pm.

**Monday:** Our taxi pick-ups will start around 9am. Travel to Bournemouth arriving at our hotel by 3:30 pm

**Tuesday:** We have a scenic tour into the New Forest National Park

**Wednesday:** Free day in Bournemouth.

**Thursday:** We have a visit to the city of Salisbury.

**Friday:** On our homeward journey we visit Winchester.

*5 single rooms available with no supplement.*

**£389pp**



Llandudno



5 DAYS  
for  
£579

## Monday 31st March Llandudno Mock Cruise - 5 Days

### Tyndale Hotel

Based at the excellent Tyndale Hotel overlooking Llandudno's Promenade with great sea views.

This is a coach holiday with a big difference, our hotel becomes a cruise ship for the week with the opportunity to go ashore each day and return back on board each afternoon to enjoy all the fun, activities and great food you would expect on a luxury cruise.

Steve stayed at this hotel a couple of years ago and considers it be the best hotel in Llandudno, so if you are looking for a fun filled holiday in a first-class hotel, look no further.

**Monday:** We have a relaxing journey to Llandudno to join MV Tynedale for our imaginary cruise. On arrival afternoon tea, coffee and cakes will be served while the crew transfer your luggage to the cabins. Our cruise begins in Jamaica.

At 17:45 there will be a Welcome Paty, where you can enjoy a Rum Punch Cocktail, followed by an introduction to the cruise.

Dinner is served from 18:30, a delicious themed dinner is followed by your on-board entertainment and at 23:00 a finger buffet.

**Tuesday:** We have cruised through the night and arrived in Cologne, Germany. Breakfast is served between 08:00 and 10:00.

The morning is yours to do as you please exploring the local town or why not join us on the coach for a circular tour taking in some of the spectacular scenery of the Snowdonia National Park.

We return to the Tynedale by 15:00 where afternoon tea will be served while you enjoy the highlights of Cologne on the big screen. At 17:45 its 'Beer Festival' time, be sure to sip, drink and sing along. Once again our themed dinner starts at 18:30 followed by on board entertainment and cabaret and a light finger buffet at 23:00.

**Wednesday:** This morning we have arrived in Greece, after breakfast spend the day exploring Llandudno. But be sure to be back on board for afternoon tea served at 15:00 accompanied by a cinematic drone tour of Skopelos Island. Dinner tonight will be in a Greek Taverna again followed by entertainment and a light finger buffet at 23:00.

**Thursday:** Phuket, often called the Pearl of Thailand is where we are today. After breakfast join the coach for another scenic excursion travelling along the Conwy Valley to Betws-y-Coed before returning by 15:00 for our afternoon tea and more fun. At 17:45 its Captains Cocktail Party and Fun Casino followed by Captains Dinner at 18:30. Entertainment begins at 20:30 and your final late night finger buffet at 23:00

**Friday:** We must leave our cruise and head for home with a 2-hour lunchtime visit to Chester on route.

**£579pp**

## Saturday 19th April Easter in Sidmouth - 5 Days

### Kingswood Hotel

Based at the Kingswood Hotel overlooking the sea front in the charming resort of Sidmouth.

Situated along the UNESCO World Heritage Jurassic Coast Sidmouth is a seaside town like no other with its impressive coastline and blue flag award winning beaches and with beautiful gardens and leisurely walks to be enjoyed. Poet Laureate John Betjeman described it as 'A town caught still in a timeless charm'.

**Saturday:** On route to Sidmouth we will make a lunch time stop in the town of Glastonbury, steeped in history and myth, the town's main attraction is Glastonbury Abbey, entrance fee not included (approx. £10), holding the legendary status as the oldest Christian foundation in Britain with links to Joseph of Arimathea and also the burial place of King Arthur.

**Sunday:** Enjoy your Easter Sunday with a stroll along the promenade and into the Connaught Gardens

**Monday:** We have a tour along Lyme Bay making stops in Lyme Regis and Seaton. An optional ride on the famous Seaton Tramway can be arranged.

**Tuesday:** We head to Exmouth for a morning visit before returning to spend more time in the lovely resort of Sidmouth this afternoon. Whilst in Exmouth an optional boat trip is possible.

**Wednesday:** We must leave Sidmouth and begin our homeward journey. We break our journey with a visit to the lovely city of Wells, the smallest Cathedral City in England, on the edge of the Mendip Hills.

**£549pp**

## Monday 28th April Weston-s-Mare - 5 Days

### New Ocean Hotel

The New Ocean Hotel is a family run hotel situated on the sea front overlooking Westons Marine Lake and offers panoramic views over Weston Bay and beyond. Nightly Entertainment. 5 Single rooms available with no supplement.

**Monday:** A leisurely start today with your taxi pick-ups from 9am. We then have a scenic journey taking us to the Welsh border town of Monmouth for a lunchtime visit stopping here for 1 ½ hours. We then travel down the Wye Valley and across the Seven Bridge before arriving in Weston late afternoon.

**Tuesday:** A short circular tour takes us to Wells, England's smallest city. After plenty of time to explore this tiny gem, we head to Glastonbury where you may like to explore the legendary abbey which dominates the town. (Admission approx. £10). The town itself has a certain charm all off its own and you would be forgiven for thinking you have gone back in time as you walk along the main street. You can choose to spend the afternoon here or split your time with a visit to the nearby Shopping Village at Street.

**Wednesday:** Relax at the hotel or spend your time exploring Weston-super-Mare.

**Thursday:** This morning we travel via the Quantock Hills to the little town of Watchet overlooking Bridgewater Bay. Spend time exploring this charming seaside town before returning to Weston for the rest of the afternoon.

**Friday:** We head for home diverting across country to Cirencester then travelling south through the Cotswolds.

**£439pp**



## Monday 5th May Bournemouth - 5 Days Riviera Hotel

Based at the Riviera Hotel in the suburb of Westbourne, to the west of Bournemouth near Alum Chine, a leisurely 30-minute walk along the level promenade will bring you to Bournemouth Pier. The hotel offers modern accommodation, great food, friendly staff and evening entertainment.

**Monday:** We head to Bournemouth with a lunchtime visit to Oxford on route.

**Tuesday:** We have a scenic day travelling first via Milford on Sea, where we get some great views across The Solent towards the Isle of Wight, then via Beaulieu to Exbury Gardens. The gardens were created in 1919 by Lionel de Rothschild and are still managed by the family today. You will discover a world-famous display of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, art and sculpture exhibitions and since 2001 a miniature steam railway that follows a scenic route through parts of the gardens previously inaccessible to the public.

**Wednesday:** We have a morning visit to Dorchester on market day and then continue to Weymouth for the afternoon.

**Thursday:** A free day to relax at the hotel or stroll along the level promenade to Bournemouth. We recommend a visit to the Russell Cotes Museum just past the pier. Watch out for the Bournemouth goats on route.

**Friday:** It's time to head for home, we make a stop in Salisbury on the way.

**£489pp**



## Lake District



5 DAYS  
for  
£629

### Monday 12th May Cumbria and The Lake District - 5 Days

#### Riverside Hotel

The Riverside Hotel is a converted 18th C. tannery situated on the banks of the River Kent and overlooked by the ruins of Kendall's 12th C. castle and just a short walk from the center of this famous Lake District town.

**Monday:** We head north to our hotel in Kendall arriving mid afternoon with time to explore the town.

**Tuesday:** This morning we travel through fabulous Lakeland scenery as we make our way to the Lakes Distillery situated to the north of Bassenthwaite Lake on the banks of the River Derwent. Here we have a tour of the distillery followed by a tasting, and you have a choice of their own whisky, gin or vodka. From here we head into Kendall for a lunch time visit and finally this afternoon we visit Grasmere with its many Wordsworth associations.

**Wednesday:** Coniston and Hawkshead are two of the Lake Districts more remote villages and also two of the most beautiful set amongst some of the best scenery of the region. We visit both these places and also the town of Ambleside at the northern tip of Windermere.

**Thursday:** Spectacular scenery today as we head over the Kirkstone Pass on route to Ullswater where we have a relaxing cruise on the regions second largest lake. After our cruise we travel to Appleby in Westmorland, a lovely Cumbrian town on the River Eden.

From here a very scenic journey takes us through the Cumbrian Fells as we return to Kendall.

**Friday:** After checking out of our hotel this morning we head to Haverthwaite for the short journey on the heritage railway to Lakeside. From here we cruise across Windermere to Bowness on Windermere. On arrival at this popular lakeside resort there are plenty of cafes and shops or you may like to visit the World of Beatrix Potter Museum (admission approx. £12).

After our visit here and time to get some lunch we rejoin the coach and head for home.

£629pp

4 DAYS  
for  
£449

### Friday 16th May Minehead - 4 Days

#### Northfield Hotel

The Northfield Hotel in Minehead is set in nearly 2 acres of landscaped gardens and offers wonderful views towards the coast, Exmoor and the Quantock and Brendon Hills. As well as offering excellent bedroom accommodation the hotel also has a leisure center with indoor heated pool and steam room. The town center shops and the seafront are just a short walk from the hotel.

**Friday:** With our taxi pick-ups starting from 9am we have a very leisurely journey to Somerset and our hotel in Minehead.

**Saturday:** A morning at leisure in Minehead then we meet at Minehead railway station to board the 12:20 train for a journey on the West Somerset Railway. This is England's longest heritage railway travelling for 20 miles to Bishops Lydeard. Our coach will meet us at Bishops Lydeard Station to return us to the hotel. (*Train times are subject to confirmation and trains may be steam or diesel hauled, these can be confirmed nearer to the departure date.*)

**Sunday:** A day of fabulous scenery today as we travel along the coast road via Porlock and Contisbury to the twin resorts of Lynton and Lynmouth. The route has many tales to tell from the fictitious Lorna Doone to the true story of a heroic lifeboat rescue.

The village of Lynmouth is connected to the small town of Lynton by a Victorian Cliff Railway.

After spending time here we rejoin the coach and head off across Exmoor, watch out for the Exmoor Ponies as we cross the moors and travel via Simonsbath and Exford and make our way back to Minehead via the lovely town of Dunster where we will make an afternoon stop.

**Monday:** Checking out of our hotel at 10 o'clock we travel along the coast to visit the charming resort of Watchet before heading for home.

£449pp

## Minehead



## Sunday 25th May The Isle of Wight - 7 Days

### New Holmwood Hotel

One of our favorite destinations combined with one of our favorite hotels, we stayed at this hotel in 2024 for the first time and what a great find, the Best Western Holmwood in Cowes is one of the islands finest hotels offering glorious views directly across the Solent.

**Sunday:** After your taxi pick-ups we join the coach and head to Southampton for the 15:00 sailing on board the Red Funnel Ferry to the Isle of Wight. We then continue to the Best Western New Holmwood Hotel arriving at approximately 16:30.

**Monday:** We have an introductory tour of the west of the island today heading first to the village of Godshill and then travelling along the south of the island to Alum Bay. From here we make our way to Yarmouth for a short visit then travel through the center of the island via Calbourne on route back to the hotel.

**Tuesday:** A day to relax or explore Cowes at your own pace. Today is market day in Newport and local busses run a regular service to the town. The island has an excellent bus service and many tourist attractions and alternative destinations can be reached including Ryde, Sandown and Shanklin so be sure to bring your bus pass with you. The island is also a great destination for walking.

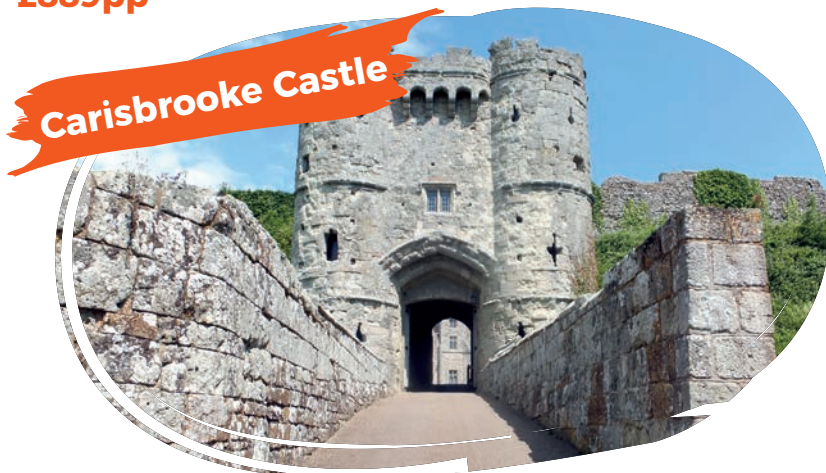
**Wednesday:** Today we take you on a tour of the eastern end of the island travelling first over the high downs where, on a clear day, we will have views all around the island and across to the mainland. We continue via Brading, Bembridge and St Helens before making our way back to Newport and Carisbrooke Castle. We have included the entrance fee to the castle which has a history dating back to Norman times and including the imprisonment of King Charles the first. Plus see the famous castle donkeys, visit the museum, the castle chapel and of course the tea shop.

**Thursday:** Another day to relax at the hotel or explore Cowes. Or you could join us for an optional morning out, departing the hotel at 09:30 we make our way to Havenstreet Station where we have a return journey on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. You will have time to visit the museum before the train departs at 11:15. The return journey takes just over an hour and once back at Havenstreet we rejoin the coach and make our way back to Cowes for the rest of the afternoon. The cost of this optional morning trip is £20 per person.

**Friday:** We have a day of royal connections visiting first the royal church at Whippingham before continuing to Osborne House. The entrance fee is included and you will have plenty of time to experience both the house and grounds of this famous island home of Queen Victoria.

**Saturday:** We depart the hotel for the final time and make our way to Newport the islands capital town. We will have a short visit here before heading for our ferry to begin our journey home.

£889pp



5 DAYS  
for  
£449



## Monday 2nd June Babbacombe - 5 Days

### Babbacombe Hotel

The Babbacombe Hotel, situated on Babbacombe Down Road overlooking the sea, is much favored by coach tours, offering evening entertainment, great sea views and is in an excellent location for trips out or just to relax and unwind.

**Monday:** Our taxi pick-ups will commence at 9am, we then head south and at the end of the M5, after crossing the River Exe, we follow the coastal road via Dawlish and Teignmouth to Babbacombe. We will arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon.

**Tuesday:** Today we head to Plymouth the largest city in Devon and is most famous for its harbour, known as Plymouth Sound. Most of the city's history is centred around the harbours existence and the nautical history that has come through its waters including connections with Sir Frances Drake and of course The Mayflower. An optional cruise around the harbour is available.

**Wednesday:** A free day to relax in Babbacombe. Nearby are the Bygone Museum and the Model Village, or you can use the cliff lift to spend some time on the beach. An optional visit to Babbacombe Theatre is available tonight. Alternatively, local busses run regularly into nearby Torquay or in the other direction to Teignmouth or Dawlish.

**Thursday:** A scenic day today will take us across the Dartmoor National Park and we will include stops at Postbridge and Tavistock. Dartmoor, an area of outstanding natural beauty, was one of the first places to be designated a National Park. Tavistock is a lovely town on the edge of the moors.

**Friday:** After our final leisurely breakfast we depart the hotel at 09:30 and head to the small fishing town of Brixham for a morning visit before starting our homeward journey.

£449pp

## Monday 9th June Northumberland - 5 Days

### Riverdale Hall Hotel

Come and discover one of the UK's most beautiful counties, our hotel is in the village of Bellingham on the edge of the National Park and is a great base from which to explore the region.

**Monday:** We head north via the M6 as far as Penrith from where we cross the Pennines via the very scenic A686 route. As this road crosses the Hartside Pass we reach over 1900 feet above sea level and, weather permitting, will witness some magnificent views. We continue via Alston and past Hexham, then cross Hadrian's Wall on route to our hotel. We will make plenty of stops on route and aim to arrive at the Riverdale Hall Hotel around 4:30pm.

**Tuesday:** We will have the morning to relax at the hotel, you can walk the short distance into the village of Bellingham with its selection of shops, cafés and pubs. There is also an excellent Heritage Centre that gives a good insight into the village and region.

At 1pm we board the coach and travel to the town of Rothbury. Here we will find the wonderful NT Craggside. The house and gardens here are packed with Victorian ingenuity created by Lord Armstrong, who was a visionary inventor and Lady Armstrong, a keen gardener. The houses 'modern' features include a hydraulic lift and electric lighting.

**Wednesday:** Another day of fabulous scenery as we head north via Carter Bar where we cross the border and visit the Scottish town of Jedburgh with its ruins of a magnificent abbey and Mary Queen of Scots visitor centre. From here we make our way towards the Kielder Forest Park where we make a stop at the visitor centre beside the Kielder Water Reservoir on route back to Bellingham.

**Thursday:** We experience some more of the magnificent Northumberland scenery today as we make our way to Holy Island or Lindisfarne. The island can only be reached at low tide and we must be off the island by 14:00 today. On route we will see views of picturesque Alnwick Castle as we make our way towards the coast. After visiting the island we make our way to Bamburgh where we have included a visit to the magnificent castle high above the village.

**Friday:** Departing the hotel at 9:30 we travel the short distance south to Hadrian's Wall. Turning right we follow the course of the wall for several miles making a couple of stops along the way. Eventually we will reach the M6 near Carlisle and we then head for home.

**£699pp**



## Sunday 22nd June The Isle of Man - 5 Days

### Ascot Hotel

The Isle of Man is always a popular destination with Meridian customers and it is certainly a unique destination. With its own local parliament this self-governing island is located in the middle of the Irish Sea with England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales all visible on a cloud free day from the island's highest point and one of the highlights of any holiday to the Isle of Man is a bit of 'armchair mountaineering' as we travel to the summit of Snaefell on the electric railway, fingers crossed for clear views.

**Sunday:** We travel to Heysham for the 14:15 ferry to Douglas on the Isle of Man. The crossing takes 3 ½ hours and upon arrival we head straight to the hotel which is about 10 minutes from the port.

**Monday:** Our first visit today will be to the island's ancient capital town, Castletown. On route we will cross the 'Fairy Bridge' where we must offer the traditional greeting - 'Hello Fairies' or 'Good Day' - to ensure good weather for the rest of the week. After Castletown we head to the



Calf of Sound the most southerly tip of the island with spectacular views on offer. Next, it's a stop at Cregneash Folk Museum, here you can explore the ancient thatched cottages of this traditional Manx village. A short distance further and we arrive in Port Erin where we have a short stop before returning to Douglas

**Tuesday:** Today we take to the TT race circuit, this famous motorcycle race course covers just under 38 miles, has 219 twist and turns and a lap record of less than 17 minutes at an average speed of 135 miles per hour! Our comparatively leisurely journey will include a few detours including a visit to the town of Peel where we include admission to the House of Manannan, a fabulous museum which guides you through the islands rich Celtic and Viking past.

**Wednesday:** Today we head to Laxey where we have included a ride to the summit of Snaefell on the Manx Mountain Railway. After returning to Laxey an optional visit to 'Lady Isabella', The Laxey Wheel, can be made. It is quite a steep walk up to the Laxey Wheel which is why we are offering this as an optional visit, however good views of this famous water wheel will be had from the train. From here we head to Ramsey and on to the islands most northerly point at Point of Ayre.

**Thursday:** We must depart the hotel by 07:45 this morning as our ferry departs at 08:45 for our return crossing. We arrive back in Heysham at 13:30 and will make a stop in Morecambe where you can get some lunch before we head home.

**£659pp**



## Saturday 5th July Jersey by Air - 6 Days

### Monterey Hotel

Jersey is the largest of the Channel Islands and is a self-governing dependency of the United Kingdom. It has a mix of British and French cultures and is known for its beaches, cliffside walking trails, inland valleys and historic castles. The Jersey War Tunnels, a former underground hospital built by slave labour, tells the story of Jersey's 5-year German occupation during WWII.

For this holiday we will be flying from Birmingham Airport, please contact us for more information. Please Note taxis are Not Included on this holiday however they can be arranged at an addition supplement. We only have 30 places available on this holiday so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Saturday:** Meet Lorraine and Steve at Birmingham Airport in time for the 14:40 flight to Jersey. The flight takes 1 hour and 20 minutes and on arrival in Jersey a local coach will transfer us to the hotel.

**Sunday:** We are including a full day coastal tour of Jersey with a local coach and driver/guide.

**Monday to Wednesday:** These 3 days are free for you to explore Jersey at your leisure. The island has a very convenient hop on hop off bus service which serves all the major sites on the island.

**Thursday:** Our return flight departs Jersey at 13:50 so you will have the morning free before our local coach transfers us back to the airport.

**£849pp**



## Monday 14th July Weston-s-Mare - 5 Days

### New Ocean Hotel

The New Ocean Hotel is a family run hotel situated on the sea front overlooking Westons Marine Lake and offers panoramic views over Weston Bay and beyond. Nightly Entertainment. 5 Single rooms available with no supplement.

**Monday:** With taxi pick-ups starting around 9am we have a leisurely journey to Weston arriving early afternoon. Once we arrive the rest of the afternoon is free to do as you please, explore the town or maybe cross the beach and go for your first paddle of the holiday.

**Tuesday:** This morning we have an early start leaving the hotel at a quarter to nine. We head to Bishops Lydeard for the 10:15 journey on the West Somerset Railway to Minehead. Arriving in Minehead at 11:35 we then have two hours to explore this seaside resort before we rejoin the coach and travel the short distance to the lovely little town of Dunster for a one hour visit.

**Wednesday:** A full day to enjoy Weston-s-Mare.

**Thursday:** Departing the hotel at 9:30 we have a scenic tour taking us over the Mendip hills via Burrington Gorge and then drive down through Cheddar Gorge to the village of Cheddar. We have plenty of time to explore the village, sample the famous cheese or visit one of the show caves.

**Friday:** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey home with a visit to Gloucester on route

**£499pp**



## Monday 14th July Dundee, Fife and Angus - 5 Days

### Invercarse Hotel

This 3 star Best Western Hotel is a former mansion house sitting in an elevated position on the outskirts of Dundee overlooking the mighty River Tay. The hotel is set in its own wooded grounds with comfortable public areas overlooking the river. There is no lift at this hotel but there are ground floor rooms available.

**Monday:** Our taxi pick-ups will be around 7am this morning to give us plenty of time to travel the 350 miles to Dundee with plenty of opportunities along the way for comfort stops. At lunchtime we will have a one hour stop in the town of Moffat.

**Tuesday:** Today a local guide will join our coach for a full day guided tour along the Fife Coastal Route. The guide will highlight the fascinating heritage of the area, we will spend some time in St Andrews, famous for its golf course and university before heading further along the coast and through the charming fishing village of Pittenween with its typical Fife houses around the harbour area. Later this afternoon we arrive at the restored Teasses Estate where we have a guided tour of the formal gardens, walled garden and greenhouses.

**Wednesday:** We head into Dundee this morning where we visit Captain Scott's ship, the RRS Discovery. You can explore the ship and learn about the hardships and triumphs of the remarkable expedition to the Antarctic.

Following some time at leisure in the city and around the waterfront area this afternoon we head off to Glamis Castle. This is one of our favorite Scottish castles and you can enjoy a guided tour of this splendid childhood home of HM the Queen Mother.

**Thursday:** Today we see more of Angus with stops in Arbroath and Stonehaven and then to the House of Dun, an elegant Georgian country house where costumed guides lead you through its fascinating history.

**Friday:** We begin our homeward journey departing the hotel at 9am. We will include a stop at the Gretna Green Visitor Center at lunchtime.

**£659pp**



## Monday 21st July Harrogate - 5 Days Cairn Hotel

The Cairn Hotel was built during Harrogate's heyday as a Victorian spa town and boast some lovely original features, including a spacious and welcoming foyer with grand marble columns. Located a 10-minute walk from the centre of Harrogate this hotel makes an ideal base for our tour.

**Monday:** Heading north via the Derbyshire Dales we can make a stop in Bakewell, today is market day, before continuing our journey to Harrogate.

**Tuesday:** Enjoy free time in Harrogate this morning and maybe treat yourself to morning coffee at the famous Betty's Tea Rooms. This afternoon we make the short journey to the outskirts of Harrogate to visit the RHS Harlow Carr Gardens. The gardens were designed to reflect the Yorkshire landscape dominated by stone, water and woodland.

**Wednesday:** Today we head to Keighley where we join the Keighley and Worth Valley railway for a nostalgic journey to Haworth. The KWVR is a unique 5-mile branch line running heritage steam and diesel trains. Our coach will meet you at Haworth Station and transfer you to the village of Haworth famous for its Bronte Sister connections.

**Thursday:** Today we have a very scenic tour which will take us through some of the Yorkshire Moors National Park and include visits to Pateley Bridge, Grassington and Skipton.

**Friday:** After checking out of our hotel we head to York for a 3 hour visit before heading for home.



£639pp

## Friday 29th August Llandudno - 5 Days Tyndale Hotel

Situated on the seafront the Tyndale is without a doubt one of the finest hotels in Llandudno, the food, service and standard of accommodation make it one of the finest hotels we have used.

**Friday:** Our outward journey takes us to Llangollen and then over the Horseshoe Pass and via Ruthin and Denbeigh as we take the scenic route to Llandudno.

**Saturday:** Departing at 10 o'clock we travel via Rhos on Sea with a chance to see the tiny St Trillo's Chapel set on the edge of the beach. We then make our way to Conwy one of Britain's best preserved medieval towns, the ancient walls enclose a town of narrow cobbled streets, full of historic buildings and dominated by Conwy Castle. We return to Llandudno for the afternoon.

**Sunday:** Today is a day to relax and enjoy all the attractions of Llandudno. An optional afternoon tour is on offer today taking a circular tour of some of Snowdonia's finest scenery including the Ogwen Valley and the Llanberis Pass. For this we will depart the hotel at 12:45 and the cost will be just £5 per person.

**Monday:** Today we head to the Isle of Anglesey where first we visit the town of Beaumaris. From here we make our way to the far west of the island and the South Stacks visitor centre with its glorious coastal views. Later as we make our way back towards Llandudno we make a stop in 'the village with longest name.'

**Tuesday:** After our final delicious breakfast at the Tyndale, we depart at 10 o'clock and make our way along the Conwy Valley to Betws-y-Coed where we make a lunch stop. On route we can make a stop at Bodnant Foods, a large development of 18th C. farm buildings which include a bakery, dairy and farm shop. After our lunch stop in 'Betsy' we make our way home.

£599pp

## Monday 8th September Babbacombe - 5 Days Babbacombe Hotel

The Babbacombe Hotel, situated on Babbacombe Down Road overlooking the sea, is much favored by coach tours, offering evening entertainment, great sea views and is in an excellent location for trips out or just to relax and unwind.

**Monday:** Our taxi pick-ups will commence at 9am, we then head south and at the end of the M5, after crossing the River Exe, we follow the coastal road via Dawlish and Teignmouth to Babbacombe. We will arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon.

**Tuesday:** We travel to Dartmouth for a morning visit then make a stop in the charming town of Totnes.

**Wednesday:** A free day to relax in Babbacombe. Nearby are the Bygone Museum and the Model Village, or you can use the cliff lift to spend some time on the beach. An optional visit to Babbacombe Theatre is available tonight.

Alternatively, local busses run regularly into nearby Torquay or in the other direction to Teignmouth or Dawlish.

**Thursday:** A scenic day today will take us across the Dartmoor National Park and we will include stops at Postbridge and Tavistock. Dartmoor, an area of outstanding natural beauty, was one of the first places to be designated a National Park. Tavistock is a lovely town on the edge of the moors.

**Friday:** After our final leisurely breakfast, we depart the hotel at 09:30 and head to the small fishing town of Brixham for a morning visit before starting our homeward journey.

£469pp



## Tuesday 9th September The Isles of Scilly - 7 Days

### The Bell Rock Hotel

This beautiful group of islands off the Cornish coast, covered in heathland and fringed by fabulous sandy beaches is one of our favorite destinations. 5 of the larger islands are inhabited including Tresco where the Tresco Abbey Gardens, home to sub-tropical plants, is one of the main attractions of this archipelago.

This holiday includes, Home to coach taxi service, Coach transfer to and from Lands End Airport, Return Flights, Return Transfers from Airport to Hotel, 6 nights Bed and Breakfast, 5 Evening Meals and A minibus tour of St Mary's Island.

**Tuesday:** We head to Lands End for our outward flights to the island of St Mary's. The flight times have not been confirmed so we cannot confirm the pick-up times yet but it is likely to be from about 6am in the morning. After our 15-minute flight to the island a shuttle bus will transfer us to our hotel in Hugh Town.

**Wednesday:** This morning at 10am a minibus will meet us at the hotel and take us on a morning guided tour of the island. Our driver/guide will give us a great insight into island life.

This afternoon, if you like, you can join Lorraine and Steve for a walk around The Garrison. The Garrison is set high above Hugh Town and the circular walk of about an hour and a quarter offers stunning views all around.

*Important notice:* This evening the hotel restaurant is not open and there is no evening meal included. Lorraine and Steve will advise on options available.

**Thursday to Sunday:** The islands are a walker's paradise and these 4 days are yours to explore at your own pace. Again, Lorraine and Steve will be there to offer guidance for how and where to go. Boats leave every morning and afternoon to all the main islands. Return boat fares will be about £14.

**Monday:** This morning shuttle buses will return us to the airport for our return flights. Our coach will be waiting at lands End Airport to bring us home.

**Please note the following points:** The LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE per person for checked luggage included in the price is maximum 15kgs (33Lbs) and is no larger than 20" x 12" x 30" (50 x 30 x 75cm). UNCHECKED ITEMS ALLOWANCE - Due to the size of the Carrier's aircrafts, Unchecked Items is only acceptable if it is smaller than 30cm x 15 cm x 15cms and weighs less than 3kg.

Photographic ID is required when you arrive at the airport. We are required to supply full names and dates of birth prior to travel.

There is no evening meal included on Wednesday night.

**£1429pp**



## Sunday 28th September NC500, Wester Ross & N.W. Highlands - 7 Days Gairloch Hotel

Our main hotel for this holiday is the Gairloch Hotel in the pretty coastal village of Gairloch on the north west coast of Scotland. The hotel is a traditional baronial style building and has wonderful views across the sea to Skye. The hotel has a lift and a comfortable lounge bar and there are lovely beaches close by.

Gairloch is on the NC500 coastal route and as it is on the west coast is a good position for sunsets.

We will have an overnight hotel in each direction which will be the 3 star Best Western Crianlarich Hotel.

**Sunday:** Our taxi pick-ups will commence around 7am, we then begin our journey to Scotland and our overnight hotel. We recommend bringing a small overnight bag or case for tonight, your main suitcase can then remain in the coach.

**Monday:** From our overnight hotel we head north to Inverness then head west to our hotel. The route is one of nonstop fabulous scenery and will include Glen Coe and Loch Ness. We should arrive at the hotel by 4pm.

**Tuesday:** Today is a coach-free day to relax at the hotel and explore the local village.

**Wednesday:** Today we follow part of the NC500 route north as far as Ullapool. Our route takes us around Gruinard Bay and past Little Loch Broom with fantastic views of the Loch and An Teallach, the highest mountain in the area at 1062 meters. We continue with more magnificent scenery to the new Corrieshalloch Gorge Visitor Centre (admission included) you can walk down the path, passing many waterfalls to the Victorian suspension bridge which spans the gorge. We continue to Ullapool on the shores of Loch Broom where, if you like, you can visit the town museum as well as browsing the local shops and getting some lunch. We retrace our steps back to Gairloch.

**Thursday:** We have a short day today visiting Inverewe Gardens.

**Friday:** We must leave the hotel today and return to our overnight hotel. We will make a stop at Eileen Donan Castle in its spectacular setting on the shores of Loch Duich. We will have time to visit this lovely castle which is recognized as one of the most iconic images of Scotland. There are many uneven steps in this 13th C. castle so the internal visit is optional (approx. £12).

**Saturday:** Rejoin the coach at 9am this morning to continue our homeward journey.

**£795pp**

**7 DAYS  
for  
£795**

**Eileen Donan Castle**



## Sunday 12th October The Ring of Kerry - 7 Days River Island Hotel

The Ring of Kerry, Killarney and its National Park and the Dingle Peninsular between them represent all that is best about Ireland, its relaxed way of life and magnificent scenery. The River Island Hotel is in the center of the small town of Castleisland and offers nightly entertainment including one night of traditional Irish entertainment. A glass of wine, beer or soft drink is included each night with dinner.

Our overnight hotel will be in the town of Waterford approximately 1 ¼ hours from Rosslare ferry terminal.

**Sunday:** Our taxi pick-ups will begin around 7am this morning and once everyone is on board we head through South Wales to the Fishguard Ferry Port for the 13:00 sailing to Rosslare. The ferry crossing takes 3 ½ hours and we then head directly to our overnight hotel, The Dooley's Hotel in Waterford.

**Monday:** Waterford has a lot to offer in terms of history and culture but no visit here would be complete without a visit to Waterford Crystal. We will make short stop here before commencing our journey across Ireland. Our journey to Castleisland will include a stop in the town of Cahir in County Tipperary.

**Tuesday:** We have a full day tour around the Ring of Kerry, there will be fabulous views of the McGillicuddy Reeks, Ireland's highest mountain range and spectacular coastal views. We will make stops at some of the towns and villages as we travel around this famous scenic route.

**Wednesday:** Today we travel into the town of Killarney a vibrant tourist center packed with pubs and traditional Irish shops. A highlight of the week could be an optional ride in a Jaunting Car. The 'Jarvey' will keep you entertained with his Irish tales as he drives you around the national park in his traditional horse drawn cart.

**Thursday:** Another day of outstanding scenery today as we travel around the Dingle Peninsular. We will have a stop in the village of Dingle and the far west of the peninsular offers some of the most dramatic coastal scenery. Finally, we travel over the Connor Pass, a high mountain pass with outstanding scenery.

**Friday:** We say farewell to Castleisland and begin our journey back to Waterford. We will include a stop at Blarney with its famous ruined castle and then on to Cobh, the final port of call of the Titanic in 1912.

**Saturday:** It's an early departure from the hotel this morning as we make our way back to Rosslare Harbour for the 08:45 crossing back to Wales.

£759pp



## Tuesday 28th October Llandudno Holly & Mistletoe - 5 Days

### Tyndale Hotel

For our first festive holiday of 2025 we once again return to the excellent Tyndale Hotel overlooking the promenade in Llandudno. Join us for this early Holly and Mistletoe break where it's time to relax and enjoy 4 nights of festive fun and entertainment.

**Tuesday - Christmas Eve:** We have a relaxing journey travelling through Wales via Llangollen and the Horseshoe Pass and arriving at our hotel mid-afternoon. Santa's little helpers will take your luggage to your room whilst you relax with a cup of tea and hot mince pies.

At 5:45 our evening begins with a sherry reception and at 6:15 a fantastic 4-course dinner. Afterwards there is entertainment and cabaret and at 11pm a late-night finger buffet.

**Wednesday - Christmas Day:** Enjoy a leisurely breakfast served between 8 and 10 am. Join the coach at 10:30 for a visit to the Isle of Anglesey returning to the hotel by 3pm.

At 4pm we have afternoon tea with Christmas Carols then at 5:30 its Happy Hour at the bar. Christmas dinner is served from 6:15 with a complimentary glass of wine followed by a visit from Father Christmas. Your entertainment begins at 9 followed at 11 by a finger buffet to round off your day.

**Thursday - Boxing Day:** Once again breakfast is served between 8 and 10 am. Join the coach after breakfast for a scenic tour taking in some of the highlights of the Snowdonia Mountain Range.

At 5pm its Happy Hour again then at 6 its 'Fire and Ice', an Ice Bar and special drinks. At 6:45 the restaurant opens, an amazing tasting menu with a touch of theatre

awaits you. Cash Bingo and Entertainment followed once again at 11 by that finger buffet.

**Friday - New Years Eve:** Following your relaxing breakfast the day is at leisure to enjoy time in Llandudno or relax at the hotel. If you fancy a change of scenery though, hop on the coach at 1pm for an optional short excursion to the lovely walled town of Conwy. We will return to the hotel in time for our Hogmanay celebrations to begin.

At 4pm its afternoon tea followed by a Haggis Rolling Completion to start an evening of fun. From 6:15 a fabulous New Years Eve Celebration Dinner is served followed by cash bingo and entertainment including at 9:15 a Fancy Dress Parade. Participants should register at reception. At 10 its raffle time and at 11 all join together for Auld Lang Syne and of course your final finger buffet.

**Saturday - New Years Day:** New Years Day breakfast is served between 8 and 10 the at 10:30 we board the coach to begin our journey home. We will make a 2-hour lunch time stop in the city of Chester before continuing our journey.

£579pp



5 DAYS  
for  
£579

## Monday 3rd November Bournemouth T&T - 5 Days

### Riviera Hotel

Based at the Riviera Hotel in the suburb of Westbourne, to the west of Bournemouth near Alum Chine, a leisurely 30-minute walk along the level promenade will bring you to Bournemouth Pier.

The hotel offers modern accommodation, great food, friendly staff and evening entertainment with a festive Turkey and Tinsel theme. The package at the hotel includes 50% off selected bar drinks between 6 and 10pm each evening.

**Monday:** With taxi pick up starting around 9am we transfer to the coach and head south. We make a lunchtime stop in Newbury.

**Tuesday:** A morning tour takes us onto the Isle of Purbeck where we have a visit to Swanage

**Wednesday:** A circular tour around the New Forest with a stop in Lyndhurst.

**Thursday:** A day to relax or visit Bournemouth.

**Friday:** We depart at 10am and head for home with a visit to Winchester on route.

**£439pp**

## Friday 7th November Sidmouth Pre Christmas Break - 5 Days

### Bedford Hotel

A relaxing pre-Christmas holiday in the lovely seaside resort of Sidmouth. We have a traditional turkey Christmas Dinner one evening and one night we have live entertainment during dinner.

**Friday:** We have a leisurely journey south arriving in Sidmouth about 3pm.

**Saturday:** We travel to Honiton for a market day visit this morning and continue to Seaton this afternoon.

**Sunday:** A day to put our feet up and relax in Sidmouth.

**Monday:** Our excursion today takes us to West Bay and Lyme Regis.

**Tuesday:** We leave the Bedford hotel at 10 and head to Exeter for a visit before continuing home.

**£499pp**

5 DAYS  
for  
**£499**

## Monday 24th November Babbacombe T&T - 5 Days

### Babbacombe Hotel

Once again, we return to the Babbacombe Hotel, this time for a pre-Christmas holiday. An optional Babbacombe Theatre visit will be offered.

**Monday:** With taxi pick-ups from 9am we have a very leisurely journey to Babbacombe arriving mid-afternoon.

**Tuesday:** A scenic tour across Dartmoor and a visit to Tavistock.

**Wednesday:** A full day to relax in Babbacombe. An optional 'Round Robin' can be organized at an extra cost.

**Thursday:** We have a scenic ride along the coast to Teignmouth for a morning visit before returning to Babbacombe for the afternoon.

**Friday:** This morning after departing our hotel for the final time we head to Totnes for a market day visit before heading home.

**£379pp**



## Thursday 27th Nov Thursford Spectacular - 2 Days

Le Strange Arms Hotel  
**£249pp**



## Wednesday 10th Dec Thursford Spectacular - 2 Days

Le Strange Arms Hotel  
**£249pp**

A choice of dates for our very popular Thursford Spectacular Shows staying at this excellent 3-star hotel.

The **Le Strange Arms Hotel**, is one of Norfolk's finest hotels, standing just a stone's throw from the sea, with lawns leading down to a sandy beach, the hotel offers guests the perfect location to escape and relax in its stylish and comfortable surroundings.

We have used this hotel previously for our Thursford Spectacular visits and can thoroughly recommend it for its high standard of rooms and food plus its ideal location to Thursford.

On day one we head directly to Thursford for the afternoon show. After the show we continue to our hotel for dinner.

On day two we make a visit to the lovely town of Stamford as part of our homeward journey.



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